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### **NGA celebrates presence at new headquarters**

**SPRINGFIELD, Va.** — The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency officially opened its new facility with a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday marking the completion of its deployment to NGA Campus East. The agency was also presented the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold certification award for its new “green” headquarters design.

“We’ve met the goal of opening this facility through hard work, planning and dedication,” said Letitia Long, director of NGA. “An important part of our federally mandated move was to create a facility “purpose-built” for the Geospatial Intelligence mission.” This building provides information-sharing and computer capabilities built on a new information technology architecture.”

The ceremony was the start of a week-long recognition of NGA’s 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dignitaries from the Intelligence Community, the Department of Defense, Congress and Northern Virginia gathered on Monday to cut the ribbon officially opening the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency’s NGA Campus East.

Attendees at the ribbon cutting ceremony included Virginia Sen. Mark Warner, Virginia 8<sup>th</sup> District Congressman James Moran, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Michael Vickers, and former NGA Director retired Vice Adm. Robert Murrett, Virginia House of Delegates Member Mark Sickles, Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairman Sharon Bulova, and Commander, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Col. Dave Anderson. Each attendee cut a ribbon to signify the facility is now fully operational in its mission to provide online, on-demand intelligence services and products.

The NCE building was designed specifically to bring NGA East missions together and create conditions to enhance collaboration with defense and intelligence community partners. The facility was built to accommodate 8,500 employees – government civilians, military members and contractors. The design of the building reflects recommendations from many sources for a work environment that supports the mission and enables the workforce of the future. It incorporates space for collaboration and learning, provides technology to enable mission success, and includes amenities that make the workplace enjoyable for employees.

Included in the celebration was special recognition of the Springfield, Virginia facility by the receipt of “Gold” certification from U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for the new construction’s environmental design and standards. LEED, overseen by the U.S. Green Building Council, recognizes excellence in building design and construction that improve energy savings, create water efficiency, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, improve indoor environmental quality and provide stewardship of resources. NGA received 40 out of 51 possible points under this gold standard.

“The energy efficiency, the open design of the new space and the quality and variety of the campus amenities makes this one of the highest environmentally rated federal buildings,” said Michael Rodrigue, former director of the NCE Program Management Office, Vision Integration Team lead.

Some of the green building features include:

- Heat reflecting low-E (emissivity) glass
- Energy efficient light fixtures with motion-sensors controls
- Carbon dioxide detectors and efficient construction materials with low or no volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, and/or certified as 50 percent new wood-base products.
- Rainwater collection systems that save up to 2.5 million gallons of water per month.
- Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylen, or ETFE, transparent roofing system to provide light and save energy.
- Water-saving, low-flush toilet fixtures, saving 8 million gallons of water a year

The new campus is a result of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission legislation passed Nov. 9, 2005, which directed that multiple NGA facilities in the Washington metropolitan area be consolidated to Fort Belvoir North Area. The facility was designed and built using environmentally friendly and energy-saving strategies and practices. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers began construction of the facility in September 2007.

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency is the nation’s primary source of geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) for the Department of Defense and the U.S. Intelligence Community. As a DOD combat support agency and a member of the IC, NGA provides GEOINT, in support of U.S. national security and defense, as well as disaster relief. GEOINT is the exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information that describes, assesses and visually depicts physical features and geographically referenced activities on the Earth. For more information about NGA, visit [www.nga.mil](http://www.nga.mil), or follow us on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/@NGA\\_GEOINT](https://twitter.com/NGA_GEOINT)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/NatlGEOINTAgency](https://www.facebook.com/NatlGEOINTAgency)).